

EDITORIAL

SHALL LITTLE FELLOWS PAY NOW?

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What of Boulder City's "eligible" prospective Clark county taxpayers?

To pay or not to pay? And if so, when? That's the question facing owners of property in the Hoover dam community, as the tax assessor of Clark county issues a statement that he soon will start definite action toward collection of "delinquent

100 Foot Dam Was Considered 'Way Back in '02

'Way back in 1902, nearly a third of a century ago, the Mohave County Miner, in Kingman, Arizona, carried a story telling of investigations looking toward damming the Colorado river.

The item follows:

"Engineers have been investigating the possibility of a dam at Bulls Head rapids, in the Colorado river, near Pyramid Rock, for the purpose of diverting the waters onto the Mohave valley.

"The dam, it is reported, is to be about 100 feet in height above the stream level. This dam, of course, would be of great value provided it had another holding dam upstream at an elevation that would allow of the lower dam to carry firm horsepower and a full mede of water for irrigation of the valley, without encroaching on the mining interests of that section."

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taxes" in Boulder City.

Clark county needs money, and looks longingly in the direction of that \$110,000 or more which she claims to be due her as taxes from properties on the reservation.

Meanwhile Six Companies Inc. is sitting tight and politely declining to pay around 95 per cent of that total amount, which is her contractors' share of the alleged "delinquent" taxes. For the company is protected by a restraining order on the basis of a suit for which a decision will be forthcoming some day from federal court, to determine whether or not the company shall pay.

And the "little fellows," the owners of comparatively small amounts of property, are unprotected by any such restraining order. What appears a small amount in comparison to Six Companies' "share" comprises somewhat of a burden in some instances to business men who have built permanent structures and outfitted them for an assured business of but four or five years, and with the business life of the community after that time a deep mystery.

The county officials insist they have certain duties which by law they are required to perform, in this tax collection matter.

On the other hand, are those men who must write off comparatively costly buildings in five years of business operation compelled to pay taxes on six per cent of the property on the reservation because they cannot afford to hire, or have not seen fit to hire expensive attorneys to carry this case through the federal courts in cases that would duplicate the Six Companies suit in all essential details?

The handing down of that much-delayed decision would ease the situation from every angle.

Meantime, it is to be expected

Clark county officials will take steps to comply as nearly as is possible and advisable to the duties laid down for them by law.

Likewise, most of Boulder City's property owners are more or less familiar with the more essential facts of those presented in the informative article appearing elsewhere in this issue of the Journal, including the fact that the state did not reserve for itself explicitly the right to tax property relinquished for federal reservations within the state of Nevada, when the legislature passed that act of 1921 making such reservations possible.

And it is to be expected Boulder property owners will hope for the handing down of that much-awaited court decision before any sheriff's seizures for delinquent taxes might become imminent.

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